

December 5, 2001

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON
H.R. 2883

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, since September 11, all Americans have witnessed our intelligence community at its best.

We have witnessed their loss, our first combat loss of an American hero in our war against terrorism, CIA agent Johnny "Mike" Spann. We must provide the resources needed to combat terrorism at the most basic level, intelligence.

This is a good bill. It provides significant resources to the intelligence community, which during the 1990s was underfinanced, understaffed, and underappreciated.

The 1990s was a "risk averse" period, during which the bullies of the world began to get the idea that the United States had gone soft, and no longer had a will to defend American lives and American interests.

The intelligence community often was not performing aggressively enough, though this was by no means the fault of the dedicated men and women who constitute the intelligence agencies' rank-and-file.

They are now doing a stupendous job of catchup, and they deserve the best support we can give them.

Regarding today's needs, we are providing logistical and technical resources for a worldwide campaign to root out terrorism.

Our intelligence officers are working on the ground in Afghanistan, as the American public is now aware—sadly aware with the news of our fallen CIA hero.

What the American public will probably never know is that American intelligence officers are working around the clock, worldwide, to neutralize terrorist cells and otherwise diminish the possibility of future attacks on innocent American citizens.

As for future needs, this bill provides resources for greater foreign language expertise, increased specialized training, increased analytical expertise to include measures to restore the intelligence community's ability to provide worldwide analytical coverage.

This administration and this Congress are acutely aware of the need for a strong intel-

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ligence capability. We on the Intelligence Committee have done our utmost to give the intelligence agencies what they need to do their job.

I urge your support on this motion.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 7

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on the nomination of Sean O'Keefe, of New York, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SR-253

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for November, focusing on payroll employment figures.

1334 Longworth Building

DECEMBER 10

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings on the nomination of David L. Bunning, to be United States

District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

SD-226

DECEMBER 11

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the local role in homeland security.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine homeland defense issues, focusing on sharing information with local law enforcement.

SD-226

DECEMBER 12

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the future of the Microsoft settlement.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine the state of human rights, democracy and security concerns in Kyrgyzstan, focusing on human rights and democracy in the Central Asian region.

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DECEMBER 13

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine security of the passenger and transit rail infrastructure.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine housing and community development needs in America.

SD-538

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

DECEMBER 18

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the limits of existing laws with respect to protecting against genetic discrimination.

SD-106